

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO:) (a) The strengthening of Para Military Forces is a continuous process. The performance of these Forces is reviewed from time to time and necessary steps are taken to improve their effectiveness. These include raising of additional Battalions, as well as upgradation of weaponry, equipment and training facilities. The strengthening of State Police is the responsibility of the State Government. However, Central Government has been providing Financial Assistance to the State Government under the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces to improve their Police infrastructure. In case of terrorism/extremism affected States, Government is giving funds under recoupment of Security Related Expenditure scheme for strengthening the State Police apparatus.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Task Force has not yet submitted its report.

(d) The purpose of strengthening and modernisation of the Para Military Forces is to equip these forces suitably so as to enable them eliminate such activities, in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies.

Ribeiro Committee Recommendations

2521. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ribeiro Committee was constituted to study recommendations of the National Police Commission as well as the National Human Right Commission's to free the Police force from excessive political control;

(b) if so, whether despite recommendations made by the Committee, Government have not acted upon on such recommendations;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to implement the recommendations in toto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDAY SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Pursuant to the directions of the Supreme Court a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri J.F. Ribeiro was constituted on 25.5.1998 by the Government to suggest ways and means for implementation of pending recommendations of the National Police Commission, National Human Rights Commission, Law Commission and Vohra Committee. The reports of the Committee have been filed in the Supreme Court as per its directions.

Literature and other material

2522. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether involvement of Pakistan's Inter Services Intelligence in the bomb blasts at places of worship across the South India has been established;

(b) if so, the details of persons arrested in this connection, State-wise; and

(c) the literature and other material recovered establishing the activities of ISI?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Investigations have established that an organisation called the 'Deendar Anjuman', a little known Muslim sect with its headquarters at Hyderabad and having links at Mardan in Pakistan, is involved in the series of bomb blasts in Churches in the States of Andhaa Pradesh, Karnataka and Goa. 35 of its activists (22 from Andhra Pradesh and 13 from Karnataka) have been arrested so far. Some documents have been retrieved from the scenes of crime which clearly command the Christian missionaries to 'stop conversions or quit India'. The base data of this pamphlet was found on the hard disk of the computer seized from the residence of one of the accused.